Counseling Services

1003.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a process for providing counseling and crisis intervention services to inmates.

1003.2 POLICY

This office will provide counseling and crisis intervention services to any inmate who either requests services or is determined by a health provider to be in need of counseling or crisis intervention services. These services may be provided by:

(a) Medical/mental health staff assigned to the facility.

(b) Faith-based counseling by the chaplain or religious volunteers (see the Religious Programs Policy).

The Chief Deputy of Corrections or designee shall coordinate with the contract medical/mental health provider to develop and confidentially maintain records of counseling and crisis intervention services provided to inmates and to ensure that those records are retained in accordance with established records retention schedules (WAC 44-14-03005).

The Chief Deputy of Corrections or designee shall ensure that request forms are available and provided to inmates who request counseling services. All inmate requests for counseling shall be forwarded to the mental health provider. If an inmate displays behavior indicating a need for counseling or crisis intervention services, the facility employee shall notify the Shift Supervisor. The Shift Supervisor shall assess the need and area of counseling and make a reasonable effort to provide the inmate with the requested counseling as soon as practicable with consideration given to facility security, scheduling and available resources. Inmates who are victims of a sexual abuse or harassment incident will be informed of the availability and continuity of counseling (28 CFR 115.82; 28 CFR 115.83).

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